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Dear Professor Lederberg:

Mr. A. T. Ganesan, M. sc., has asked me to contact you on account of his desire to study at your institute. I have seen the letter written by Dr. Catherine Roberts to you, and I have little to add. He is a gifted and likeable person, and I can in every respect recommend him to you.

You probably know that he for some years studied in Subramaniam's laboratory in Bangalore, but he came to results as to the yeast nucleus which differed from his teacher's. Subramaniam, whom I have criticized repeatedly, especially in a paper from 1951 ("The Relation between Yeast Cytology and Genetics. A Critique"), has described some big stainable bodies as chromosomes which have nothing with chromosomes to do. He claims that spore formation has nothing with reduction division to do. He has not made any hybridization experiments nor made any isolation of spores, which could have survinced him that the spores are formed as a result of meiosis.

I understand very well that Ganesan could not accept his teacher's opinion, and the result was that he failed hopelessly from Subramaniam's grace and was prevented from taking a doctor's degree at S's department. Therefore he left S. and went to New Delhi.

I am sure you will find it very satisfying to have Mr. Ganesan working with you. His refined cytological techniques might be of value to your bacterial studies.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely reading "J. M. H. H. H. H.", written in dark ink.